BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY U S WEST INTERPRISE AMERICA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

)	ORDER GRANTING
	LATE FILED
)	INTERVENTION

TC96-199

On December 12, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by U S West Interprise America, Inc. (Applicant) for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the state of South Dakota. Applicant proposes to offer high speed data communications services such as Private Line Data and fast packet services for the purpose of Network Integration for Local and Wide Area Networks (LANs/WANs). An intervention deadline of December 27, 1996, was established and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), Dakota Telecomunications Systems, Inc. (DTS), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC) timely filed for intervention. The Applicant filed a response to each of the abovementioned petitions to intervene on January 6, 1997. A regularly scheduled meeting of January 14, 1997, the Commission granted intervention to DCT, DTI, DTS, AT&T and SDITC. On February 4, 1997, the Commission received a late filed petition to intervene from MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31.

On February 11, 1997, the Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, found that denial of MCI's petition would be detrimental to the public interest and that MCI should be allowed to intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition for Late Filed Intervention of MCI is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of February, 1997.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By:	PAM NELSON, Commissioner
Date:	
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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